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In re patent application of Mario C. Baldassari et al

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For: Multiple Stage Catalyst Bed Hydrocracking With Interstage Feeds

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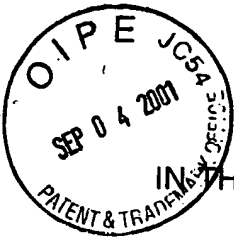
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

~~Cancel~~ claims 3, 4 and 5.

~~Rewrite~~ claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of hydrocracking a high boiling hydrocarbon feedstock comprising the steps of:

- a. partially hydrocracking a feed portion of said feedstock comprising contacting said [feedstock] feed portion with hydrogen in a first reactor containing a bed of catalyst particles thereby forming an effluent mixture of C₄- light